

**In the claims:**

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented) An ophthalmic gel preparation comprising:

dexamethasone dihydrogenphosphate disodium;

a gel forming, pharmaceutically acceptable substance in an amount effective for adjusting the viscosity of the preparation so that the preparation has the form of a gel; and

a pH regulating component in an amount effective to provide the preparation with a pH value above 7.3.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 7, wherein the preparation has a pH value between 7.6 and 8.2.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 8, wherein the preparation has a pH value between 7.8 and 8.0.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 7, wherein the gel-forming substance comprises a carbomer.

Claim 11 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 10, wherein the gel-forming substance is a carbomer of the type Carbopol 980 NF.

Claim 12 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 10, wherein the preparation comprises 0.05 to 1% by weight of the carbomer.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 12, wherein the preparation comprises 0.1 to 0.6% by weight of the carbomer.

Claim 14 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 7, further comprising benzododecinium chloride.

Claim 15 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 7, further comprising an isotonic agent and gelating agent.

Claim 16 (previously presented) The preparation according to claim 15, wherein the isotonic agent comprises sorbitol and the gelating agent comprises sodium edetate.